

ELAM ALLEN.

JUNE 3, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MIERS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 3806.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3806) granting an increase of pension to Elam Allen, have considered the same and all the evidence and respectfully report:

This bill as amended proposes to increase from \$12 to \$20 per month the pension of Elam Allen, of Des Moines, Iowa, late of Company E, Thirty-third Iowa Volunteers, who served from July 21, 1862, to July 17, 1865, and was honorably discharged. He filed and established a claim under the general law for disease of lungs, and was pensioned therefor at \$2 from discharge, to end March 29, 1882, the disability therefrom being held to have ceased. Pension was restored at \$2 from date of dropping, and increased to \$4 from August 27, 1890.

He was pensioned under act of June 27, 1890, at \$12 from April 2, 1891, for disease of lungs and nervous system. The pension under the general law was renewed at \$8 from February 27, 1895, and increased to \$12 from January 28, 1897.

In October, 1891, an approval was made by a reviewer and concurred in by a rereviewer, as follows:

Approved for disease of lungs, also injury to back, new disability, pensionable from July 31, 1888; locomotor ataxia claimed as result. Evidence shows claimant has complained of back trouble from discharge to date. He says he had first attack of paralysis in 1874. Evidence shows locomotor ataxia since about 1885 to medical referee.

This was the concurrent action of three men, an examiner, a reviewer, and a rereviewer.

The medical approval was as follows:

Disease of lungs, four-eighteenths; no increase. Injury to back and resulting locomotor ataxia, two-eighteenths, to August 27, 1890; seventeen-eighteenths, to January 7, 1891, and third grade thereafter. Total not to exceed third grade.

This was signed by a medical reviewer, but not by the medical

referee, and the legal approval was canceled and no certificate was issued, and on March 4, 1892, injury of back was rejected as follows:

Reject injury to back. No record or other competent evidence of origin. Special examination shows that original affiants have no personal knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

This rejection has been affirmed by the Secretary. Under date of April 18, 1898, the foregoing legal rejection was adhered to.

At his last medical examination, made by the board at Des Moines, Iowa, December 22, 1897, he was rated at six-eighths for disease of lungs and eight-eighths for back.

The soldier has very little property, not over \$200 or \$300.

An increase to \$20 per month is required by the facts.

The bill is therefore reported back with the recommendation that it pass when amended as follows:

Line 4, after "place," insert "the name of."

Lines 5 and 6 strike out "of the United States" and insert "subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws and pay him a pension."

Line 6 strike out "seventy-two" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty."

Strike out all of line 7 and insert "in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Elam Allen."

In the pension case of Elam Allen, late of Company E, Thirty-third Iowa.

DES MOINES, IOWA, May 27, 1898.

I have been his family physician for more than fourteen years, and for twelve years he has needed the assistance of another party to care for him the greater portion of the time, in addition to the disabilities for which he is pensioned. He has paralysis of the lower extremities, both motor and sensory, which affects the feet, limbs, and bladder so that he suffers from urinary incontinence.

He is unable to walk without a crutch or a cane. He is practically helpless, and does not often get out of the house. He has also lost flesh to a considerable extent within the last two years. He has always complained of an injury to the back during my acquaintance with him, and if the history is correct the paralysis is fairly attributable to that cause, as it is spinal and not central.

I have no interest in this case. Have practiced medicine and surgery twenty-four years.

LEWIS SCHOOLER.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me by the said Lewis Schooler this 27th day of May, 1898.

[SEAL.]

S. F. BALLIET,
Notary Public in and for Polk County, Iowa.

Dr. Lewis Schooler is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Des Moines, Iowa, and is entitled to the highest credit.

J. A. T. HULL, M. C.

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